

GSAC Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2021 at 1 pm via Zoom

- I. Welcome - B.B. Stotts admitted participants to join the Zoom meeting. Attendees included eight participants - Felipe de Sousa, Latayzia Harris, Megan Woodfield, Mary Whiteacre, Judy Callahan, Kevin Stalsberg, Jenifer McDonald and B.B Stotts.
- II. Minutes from February 19, 2021 meeting - emailed on March 4, 2021. Latayzia opened the meeting and asked for the minutes to be approved as submitted.
- III. Meeting Time that best worked for the committee is the 2nd Monday of the month at 1 p.m. and will remain for the rest of the academic year.
- IV. University Committee Representation/Reports
 - A. Library Services Committee - Jenifer McDonald - no report
 - B. Academic Honesty Committee - Davis Erickson - no report
 - C. Student Learning Committee - Megan Munger - no report
 - D. Information Technology Council (ITC) - Filipe Santos Araujo – no report
- V. Old Business
 - A. **Communication & Outreach Committee** will be Latayzia Harris, Jenifer McDonald, and Megan Woodfield. A Facebook group will be created once B.B. creates a GSAC email to utilize. Latayzia will schedule a committee meeting soon.
 - B. Goal Setting GSAC is going to schedule a Virtual Coffee and Convo meeting before our next meeting in April. The Events committee will start working on the event after the Facebook Group is created. Pictures of the group will be requested for the FB Group.
 1. The goals for this group will be for members to get together but eventually it will be used for marketing and to share the services offered by GSAC and to build a graduate student community on campus across departments
- VI. New Business
 - A. Spring 2021 Commencement concerns - No hooding ceremony and change of date of commencement.
 1. B.B. reported that Commencement Committee needs to “keep the ceremony moving”, so that is why the hooding ceremony was cancelled for the November commencement.
 2. Megan wants the Committee to ask if the lifting of restrictions by Crawford County will change the commencement ceremony at all.
 3. Kevin Stalsberg stated that second vaccines for faculty and staff will be administered prior to the commencement so risk should be significantly lower.

4. In regards to the change of date, grad students should be advised to go to their Advisors then the Dept. Chair to ask for comps to be opened earlier due to change of dates.
 5. Kevin will compile our concerns and questions and will send the letter to B. B. and Latayzia for review. Latayzia will send the letter on to the Commencement Committee on behalf of GSAC.
- B. G.A. Blue Parking Permit proposal -
1. Davis Erickson had sent an email to the GroupMe text regarding the parking permits. He then sent it to Steve Erwin - B.B. was unaware of this and asked Latayzia to forward her the email. B.B. was going to contact Steve but will not at this time. In the future, all communications need to go through B.B. Latayzia will communicate this to members not at the meeting. Need to find out if Davis got a response to his inquiry.
 2. Latayzia wants to compile testimonies from GAs and GTAs to enforce our position about the inconvenience of not have Blue Permit Parking.
 3. It needs to be reiterated that GAs are willing to pay the \$30 difference between the Brown and Blue parking permits.
- C. Charne Scurfield submitted her resignation from the council because she started a new job and cannot attend meetings.

VII. For the Good of the Order/Announcements-none

VIII. Adjournment - the meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm

Next meeting is Monday, April 12, 2021 at 1 pm.

To view and listen to the recorded meeting, go to the following link:

<https://pittstate.zoom.us/rec/share/NnfWvUTMIMSQHLzu2AXDLFRKu4B8Wfa9B9rZPzxO52RZyh3CisEov0mvkpTXBJCF.YALU7tM1Qw3UQw0Z>